

The Caller



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EUCC Mission Statement: To reflect the image of Jesus in our community and in the world.

Pastor's Page

What is Diversity?

The UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health defines diversity as:

“... a range of people with various racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and cultural backgrounds and various lifestyles, experience, and interests.”

The Department of Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Southern Florida takes it one step further, using the following definitions:

Diversity Definitions

1. Diversity = being mindful of all dimensions of human differences and defining diversity in the broadest sense to mean the inclusion of all persons regardless of racial and ethnic background, nationality, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, veteran status, religious, secular, and spiritual beliefs, ability, age, and socioeconomic status. Diversity embodies inclusiveness, mutual respect, multiple perspectives, and serves as a catalyst for change resulting in equity.

2. Equality = involves ensuring that every individual gets the same number of resources (identical) regardless of the differences between them.

3. Equity = aims to understand the needs of each individual and distribute the resources fairly. It involves giving everyone what they need to be successful.

4. Inclusion = the active creation and maintenance of culture, policy, and educational and business practices which celebrate diversity and recognize its value to our mission to excel as educators, employers, and community partners.

1. Through inclusive efforts, we seek to ensure that everyone can achieve their potential regardless of their experiences and circumstances.

2. Inclusion also requires diverse representation at all levels of the organization.

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Mainline denominations are beginning to recognize the importance of diversity and inclusiveness in the church. Many of them are providing training programs to coach churches in ways they might become more diverse.

I recently posted the following quote on the EUCC Facebook page:

“During an era when religious institutions used theology and Scripture to malign and reject others, Jesus accepted and included Gentiles, the poor, the sick, women, Samaritans, Romans, children, and many others who were outcasts and oppressed. Being inclusive and affirming is the way of love – the way of Jesus.”

- Stephen Mattson

When we, as a church, proclaim to be a diverse, accepting, and inclusive institution, what do we really mean? We have certainly made some efforts in being open to the LGBTIQ+ community. Our recent debates and discussions regarding the worship needs of parents with young children have the potential to provide EUCC with another avenue of inclusiveness. What more can we do?

My prayer is that all who call themselves followers of Jesus can learn to follow the ways of Jesus.

Blessings,
Pastor Mark

Church Council News

The 2023-24 Church Council had its first meeting on July 24th. Our new executive team is: President, Nancy Ress; Vice President, Jerry Belcher; Treasurer, Jared Kleemann; and Secretary, Lea Ann Gehlhausen. Other council members are: Dixie Dickerson, Emile Kercher, Jim Litherland, Steve Owen, and Scot Sandage.

We heard from the Building & Grounds team about repairs needed on the sanctuary roof. The council approved up to \$4,000 to cover the cost of repairs.

On a recommendation from the Christian Education team, the council voted to proceed with the Quiet Area in the back of the sanctuary. This will be for a trial period of 1 year and only the back 3 pews on the pulpit side of the sanctuary will be removed. Guidelines for use of the space will be created and posted. This has been a much discussed subject and the council appreciates the input from the congregation on both sides of the issue. We hope you realize we have listened to your opinions and have tried to offer a reasonable compromise.

As always, if you have questions or concerns about anything happening at EUCC please reach out to me or any council members.

Nancy Ress

HAPPENINGS AT OUR CHURCH

Rally Sunday—August 20th!



Rally Sunday will take place on Sunday, August 20th! This will be a spiritual and fun day! The Christian Education students will be awarded a Bible to help start their spiritual journey for the year at the 10 a.m. morning service. *All students are invited to bring their school backpacks for a blessing by Pastor Mark.*

Rally Day starts our youth programs for the coming year as well as recognizes all our committees so important to our congregation.

Lunch will be provided in Fellowship Hall after worship along with many games on the lawn for youth and adults such as corn hole, face painting, bubbles, card games, etc.

There will also be homemade ice cream, and everyone is invited to make their favorite ice cream flavor to share!

Make plans now to attend this fun day!



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE
FALL MEETING
Sunday, October 22, 2023
3 p.m. Central/4 p.m. Eastern
Evangelical United Church of Christ
Tell City, Indiana

EUCC will be hosting the Lincolnland Association Fall meeting. More information will be provided in the September Caller about ways you can help. Please give prayerful consideration to helping with this important part of our church.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



The EUCC Scholarship committee is pleased to announce that Karee Sodrel has been awarded the Ruth and Davis Yates and the Campbell scholarships to attend Ivy Tech Community College this fall where she plans to major in social work.

Karee is the daughter of Brandon and Audrey Sodrel and granddaughter of Jo and Ron Sodrel and has been involved in EUCC youth programs over the years where she was baptized in 2015.

Karee was active in Tell City High School Band where she played the saxophone. She has also been involved with the Perry County Horse Rescue organization when it was active. While in high school, she worked at McDonald's and Orschelns Farm Store and babysat in her free time. **Congratulations to Karee!**

ANOTHER “T-SHIRT SUNDAY” IN THE BOOKS!



(Photo courtesy of Liam Biever)

Thanks to our members who broke out their EUCC t-shirts to wear to worship on July 30. July saw the rare 5th Sunday opportunity for special celebration, and we encouraged our members to wear their EUCC t-shirts. We are proud of what our church believes in and stands for, that “no matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here,” and we’re proud to wear shirts which display that message. Pictured are the members who wore their EUCC t-shirts.



ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING SESSION HOSTED BY EUCC

Thank you to all who attended this training session on July 19th. We greatly appreciate the time and preparation of TCPD Chief Derrick Lawalin who gave the presentation. Chief Lawalin was assisted by Sgt. David Biever.

As part of updated safety procedures, the church council voted to keep the Fellowship Hall stairway doors locked unless there is an event in which the stair lift needs to be used. **Anyone with a key who unlocks it MUST re-lock it.**

REQUESTS FOR STREAMED MUSIC ACCEPTED

Do you have a favorite contemporary Christian song you would like played during worship? If you do, please call the church office (812.547.7059) or email Darla Goffinet (dgoffinetlaw@psci.net) with your requests. As long as the song is one we are permitted to play under our copyright license, I will be happy to play it!



TEAM PROFILES CONTINUE

In keeping with our church by-laws, the month of July sees new Council members assuming their duties and responsibilities and our teams being revamped to take on new members and new Council representatives. Because of that, we will start over with our team profiles so we are sure to recognize those who keep the wheels turning at EUCC.

Our first group to be profiled during this new leadership year is the **Search Team**. Serving on this team is difficult, time consuming, and daunting. A Search Team is put together when the church is “searching” for a settled pastor, which EUCC is doing right now. We have been blessed to have Rev. Mark McDaniel serving as our transitional/interim pastor for the last 2 years. Pastor Mark’s job is to not only minister to the needs of our church but to help us find out who we are as a church so we know what we are looking for in a settled pastor. Pastor Mark, with the assistance of the Transition Team, gathered and analyzed data specific to our church and our community demographics so a profile can be created. The Search Team is now in the process of taking that information to develop the profile for EUCC. The profile will be submitted to the Indiana-Kentucky Conference and the broader United Church of Christ and become part of the database for pastors searching for a church.

Our Search Team is pictured below. We all know how special EUCC is and what a great place Tell City is to live, work, and raise a family. This team’s responsibility is to “sell” our church and our community so we can attract a candidate suitable to our needs. There are currently 2 UCC churches looking for a pastor for every 1 pastor looking for a church. That means this team of intelligent, hard-working, committed individuals has a daunting task before them. We ask that you pray for these team members and our church as we work through the process of finding a settled pastor.



EUCC Search Team members (left to right) – Ashley Biever, Sara Belcher, Emile Kercher, Chris Goffinet, and Mark Fenn. Not pictured – Susan Ewing and Gary Morton.

HAPPENINGS AT OUR CHURCH

Women's Guild News

Thank you from the Women's Guild to everyone who donated baked items and to those who participated in the bake sale at the 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal on July 30th. \$308 was raised from the bake sale. We will decide where to donate the bake sale proceeds at our September meeting.

September is our annual ***Women's Guild Campaign Drive***. A small white envelope marked *Women's Guild* will be included in the September 3rd & 17th bulletins. We hope you will use it to make a generous donation to the Guild to help with our good deeds. The envelope can be placed in the offering box or returned to the church office.

Women's Guild meets the second Thursday of each month except the months of January and February. We also take a brief vacation in June, July, and August. All women of EUCC are considered a member and are encouraged to attend meetings. **The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2023. A light lunch will be served at noon and the meeting will begin at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.** We hope to see you then!

Don't forget to hand in your Noble's receipts!



The Christian Ed youth wish to thank our generous and caring congregation for their donations for 'Stuff the Bus' this school year.

We received 2 heaping large totes, 2 large boxes and some bags of school supplies plus a kind monetary donation for United Way to dispense to the Perry County schools for this year.

Also, thanks to Nevaeh for making a colorful sign and tote for this campaign.

Christian Education Team

Thank you from the

Fellowship Team and Women's Guild

Thanks to all who attended the 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal on Sunday, July 30th. It was well attended!

Also thank you from the Women's Guild to all who donated baked items and to those who participated in the bake sale!



HAPPENINGS AT OUR CHURCH

SCHWEIZER FEST WATER BOTTLE GIVE-AWAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!



Thanks to everyone who volunteered to make the water bottle give-away a huge success again this year! More details and photos will be in the September *Caller*.



53rd Annual Distinguished Citizen Award

Our congratulations to Gary Morton for being named the 2023 Distinguished Citizen by the Tell City Historical Society! The recipient of this award is someone who has embraced Tell City as his/her community and has benefited our community. We certainly believe that Gary fits that definition! Gary was awarded this honor during the 2023 Schweizer Fest.

LIBRARY AND CHAPEL AREAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Just a reminder that our beautifully-renovated library and chapel areas are open to the public for use during office hours and for meetings after hours. Members and visitors who wish to take their lunch break, who need a place for meditation or prayer, who want to read or work a puzzle, or who simply seek a quiet, serene atmosphere are invited to spend time at the church. The rooms are open to visitors during church office hours. If your organization needs a place for an evening meeting, contact the church office (812.547.7059) to make arrangements to use the space.

Guests should enter the building through the Jefferson Street doors and sign the sign-in sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. Anyone who needs to use a chair lift should call ahead to make arrangements to enter through the Fellowship Hall doors.

HAPPENINGS AT OUR CHURCH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH ON-LINE WORSHIP SERVICES AND SOUNDBOARD

When our doors were closed due to the pandemic, a team worked quickly to put together the equipment and skills needed to have an on-line presence so our services could be live streamed. Over the years, we have purchased better equipment and have fine-tuned the process so that we deliver a quality on-line worship service. Even though we are having in-person worship again, the on-line presence will not go away. This is a valuable and necessary ministry. We regularly have 5 families who watch the live stream during worship time, and there are dozens more views during the week.

We currently have 3 teams of 2 who rotate Sundays running the soundboard and the audio/visual equipment. With vacations and other commitments during worship (such as serving as the liturgist or an usher), the 6 of us who do this important work for the church really do need more help. It isn't difficult. The soundboard technician mutes and unmutes mics and adjusts the volume. The audio/visual technician starts the live stream, moves the camera, plays the streamed songs, and stops the live stream. Everything is prepared in advance and set up prior to Sunday morning. It's really just a matter of pushing buttons and clicking keys.

Of course, training will be provided. You will not be left to do the live stream on your own until you are comfortable doing so.

If you feel it in your heart to help with this part of our worship, please contact Darla Goffinet at 812.608.0122 or dgoffinetlaw@pcsi.net.

T-Shirt Orders Continuing

Our t-shirt orders are going well. Would you like a shirt with our logo on the front and our motto on back? If so, please complete one of the order forms (located in the narthex and in the church office), and drop the order form and payment in the offering box. The shirts are only \$17 each (which is our cost); sample shirts are available in the narthex on Sunday mornings and in the office during the week. This is a great way to show your pride in EUCC.

We are taking orders on a continuous basis, meaning there is no deadline to submit your order. We will submit orders at the beginning of each month; the shirts should be in within two weeks.

Youth and adult sizes are available in short sleeved and long sleeved styles. We have a light grey, dark grey, and tie dye option. Tie dye is available in short sleeves only. Sample shirts are available in the narthex on Sundays and the church office during the week.

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Worship Leaders

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Video</u>	<u>Sound</u>
Aug 20	Linda Kramer	Jerry Brunner Steve & Becky Owen Frank Poehlein	Rebecca Fenn	Mark Fenn
Aug 27	Lea A. Gehlhausen	Linda Franchville Emile Kercher	Darla Goffinet	Chris Goffinet
Sept 3	Dan Lacy	Ellis & Suellen Howard Dan & Jill Lacy	Rebecca Fenn	Mark Fenn
Sept 10	Darla Goffinet	Lea Ann Gehlhausen Chris Goffinet Keith & Linda Kramer	Emile Kercher	Dan Gayer
Sept 17	Linda Kramer	Jerry Brunner Steve & Becky Owen Frank Poehlein	Darla Goffinet	Chris Goffinet

Thanks to each of you for helping with our Worship Services!

Local Emergencies Report



The Local Emergency Fund continues to prevent utility service disconnections, home evictions, and provides food vouchers for groceries. Please remember this fund in *memorial gifts* and/or *monthly giving*. The offering envelopes include a monthly envelope for contributing to the Local Emergency Fund.

July Total: \$1,765.86

Utilities— 17 households—\$685.86

Rent assistance— 3 households—\$1,080.00

July Memorial Donations

Memorial donations received in July: \$70

These directed donations benefited the following funds:

Local Emergency Fund \$35
Flower Fund \$5
Benevolent Fund \$20
Student Loan Fund \$10

IN LOVING
Memory

Recurring events...

Every Sunday--
Sunday Worship (10 a.m.)
Both in-person and online
Faith Formation (10:15 a.m.)

***2nd Sunday—Christian Ed Team**
(11 a.m. after worship in Library)

***4th Monday---**
Church Council (6 p.m.) Church Office

***1st Tuesday—**
Communications Team (6 p.m.) Ch. Office

***3rd Tuesday---**
Budget & Finance/Stewardship Team
(5:30 p.m.) Church Office

***2nd Wednesday—**
Building & Grounds Team (6 p.m.) Ch. Office

***3rd Wednesday—**
Church & Ministry (6 p.m.) Church Office

***2nd Thursday—Women’s Guild (1 p.m.) FH**
(on summer break until September)

***Last Thursday of each month—Men’s Brunch**
at Julie’s Tell St. Café (9 a.m.)

***Every Thursday—Table of Blessings (5 p.m) FH**

Caller Deadline Reminder

The deadline for the August Caller is **Sept. 10th**.
 Articles can be dropped off, called in, or emailed
 to the church office at euccinfo@gmail.com.

Church Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Facebook</u>
July 16	42	9
July 23	55	8
July 30	38	9
Aug 6	57	10
Aug 13	51	9

EUCC Historical Records Books

The Tell City Historical Society has provided us with some hardback Evangelical UCC Historical Records books. These books contain marriages, deaths, confirmations, and baptisms at EUCC for the years of 1871—1936. The cost per book is \$10. The books are available in the church office. A copy has been placed in the narthex to view on Sundays. Anyone who has relatives who belonged to our church during those stated years may be interested in having one of these historical records books.

Church Directory Addendum Available:

An addendum to the phone book section of the church directory is now available in the narthex and church office. It reflects the changes we've received since the directory was re-printed in January 2023. Please pick one up at your convenience. Please contact the church office if you would like one mailed to you.



Ruth Roesch Age 93 DOD: 7-12-2023
 Bill Bradley Age 89 DOD: 7-19-2023

Pastoral Search Prayers

*The Pastoral Search Team
 has been formed. We kindly ask for your
 prayers for the Search Team members as they
 seek a new pastor to serve our church.*

Financial Report July 2023

July 2023 Income - Total \$21,365.20

Offerings (checks/cash):	\$ 6,696.00	
Offerings (electronic):	\$ 2,023.17	
Building Rental Income:	\$ 300.00	
Franklin Fund Interest Income:	\$ 402.08	
<i>Income Specifically Directed to a Fund:</i>		
Maintenance & Depreciation Fund Income:	\$ 3,124.00	<i>(\$3,000 Mulzer Foundation)</i>
Local Emergencies Fund Income:	\$ 7,453.00	<i>(\$6,000 Mulzer Foundation)</i>
Benevolent Fund Income:	\$ 290.00	
Women's Guild Fund Income:	\$ 411.95	
Flower Fund Income:	\$ 5.00	
Women's Guild Student Loan Fund Income:	\$ 660.00	

July 2023 Expense - Total \$28,381.94

Salaries:	\$ 7,698.97	
Pastor Housing Allowance Expense:	\$ 1,000.00	
Pastor Pension Expense:	\$ 478.27	
Pastor Health & Dental Expense:	\$ 1,631.72	
Pastor Life & Disability Expense:	\$ 84.40	
Pastoral Substitute Expense:	\$ 100.00	
Organist Substitute Expense:	\$ 55.08	
Utilities Expense:	\$ 1,785.82	
Office Supplies Expense:	\$ 869.99	
Custodian Supplies Expense:	\$ 192.77	
Local Emergencies Expense:	\$ 1,765.86	
Vanco Fees Expense:	\$ 66.28	
Misc. Expense:	\$ 50.00	
Benevolent Fund Expense:	\$ 147.36	
Women's Guild Fund Expense:	\$ 118.09	
Fellowship Team Budget Expense:	\$ 60.89	
Building & Grounds Team Budget Expense:	\$ 6,433.95	
Communications Team Budget Expense:	\$ 73.50	
Flower Expense:	\$ 18.99	
Walters Htg/A/C Fund Expense:	\$ 4,000.00	<i>(applied towards Tots Lots wall project)</i>
OCWM Conference Expense:	\$ 1,375.00	
Lincolnland Expense:	\$ 375.00	

<p style="text-align: center;">July Total Income Minus Total Expenses: (\$7,016.74)</p>
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EUCC Assets, Liabilities, Income and Expenses

Jul-23

Assets and Liabilities July 31, 2023	Assets	\$598,962.76
	Liabilities	\$893.01
	Assets - Liabilities	\$598,069.75
	- General Operations Fund -- Can Be Spent on Anything	\$63,597.40
	- Thelander Mission Fund -- Designated for Revitalization Items	63,350.27
	- American and Franklin Funds -- Requires Congregation Approval on what can be spent on	\$147,669.76
	- Various Directed Funds -- Earmarked by Donors	\$323,452.32
Operations Income and Budgeted Expenses July 2023	July 2023 Operations Income	\$9,421.25
	July 2023 Budgeted Expenses	\$22,331.64
	July 2023 Operations/Budgeted Gain/Loss	-\$12,910.39
Operations Income and Budgeted Expenses YTD	2023 Operations Income	\$117,167.35
	2023 Budgeted Expenses	\$140,295.28
	2023 Operations/Budgeted Gain/Loss	-\$23,127.93
Total Income and Total Expenses July 2023	July 2023 Total Income	\$21,365.20
	July 2023 Total Expenses	\$28,381.94
	July 2023 Total Gain/Loss	-\$7,016.74
Total Income and Total Expenses YTD	2023 Total Income	\$138,956.90
	2023 Total Expenses	\$163,225.50
	2023 Gain/Loss	-\$24,268.60

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

6—Jamessa Kessner Potts
10—Danny Gayer
14—Chandler Lacy
15—Jill Lacy
17—Lea Ann Gehlhausen
18—Shirley Gayer, Spencer Sandage
19—Anthony Castello
20—Heather Howell
21—Stephen Kessner
23—Lexi Kellems
28—Paul Ramsey



**Please contact the church office if you would like to add a birthday or anniversary to the monthly Caller.*

September

1—Bettye Volgemann
3—Tara Gehlhausen
5—Marilyn York
7—Monica Holmes
10—Haylee Gehlhausen
14—John Ewing
18—Sarah Hall
20—Junah Risse
27—Bruce Baur, Gretchen Hawhee
28—Alyssa Howell



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

August

8—John and Susan Ewing
14—Don and Ann Swaney
16—Dan and Shirley Gayer
20—Keith and Linda Kramer
23—Allen and Meg Butler
26—Roy and Mary Raider



September

3—Mark & Rebecca Fenn
10—Denny & Linda Rogier
12—Jerry & Sara Belcher
28—Jim & Jean Litherland



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1. Extravagant Welcome
2. Continuing Testament
3. Changing Lives